

REMARKS

Claims 2-6 and 8-13 are pending in the above application. By the above amendment, claims 1 and 7 have been cancelled.

The Office Action dated August 15, 2005, has been received and carefully reviewed. In that Office Action it was indicated that claims 11-13 were allowed and that claims 7, 8 and 10 would be allowable if amended to include the limitations of their base claims. Claims 1-6 and 9 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kaneshige. The title was also objected to as being insufficiently descriptive of the claimed invention.

By the above amendment, a new, more descriptive title has been provided, and it is believed that this new title addresses the objection raised in the Office Action. In addition, the limitations of claim 7 have been added to claim 2, and claim 7 has been cancelled. Because claim 7 was indicated to be allowable if amended to include the limitations of its base claim, it is believed that claim 2 is now allowable. Claim 8 has been amended to depend from claim 2 as well.

CONCLUSION

Each issue raised in the Office Action dated August 15, 2005, has been addressed, and it is believed that claims 2-6 and 8-13 are in condition for allowance. Wherefore, reconsideration and allowance of these claims is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Scott Wakeman (Reg. No. 37,750) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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